

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A floor covering comprising: an elastomer material having a relief-type patterned surface, wherein the surface (2) is provided with irregularly distributed indentations (3), which have an elongated shape, which partially contact or intersect each other, and which have a depth (T) of 0.02 mm to 0.2 mm, at a width (B) of 0.2 mm to 2.5 mm and a length (L) of 5 mm to 50 mm.

2. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the indentations (3) have a depth (T) of 0.025 mm to 0.05 mm, at a width (B) of 0.4 mm to 1.3 mm and a length (L) of 6 mm to 40 mm.

3. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein at least one end (6) of the indentations (3) is configured so as to run to a needle-like point.

4. The floor covering according to Claim 2, wherein at least one end (6) of the indentations (3) is configured so as to run to a needle-like point.

5. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein each indentation (3) intersects at least two other indentations (3).

6. The floor covering according to Claim 2, wherein each indentation (3) intersects at least two other indentations (3).

7. The floor covering according to Claim 3, wherein each indentation (3) intersects at least two other indentations (3).

8. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the indentations (3) have shapes that differ one from the other.

9. The floor covering according to Claim 2, wherein the indentations (3) have shapes that differ one from the other.

10. The floor covering according to Claim 3, wherein the indentations (3) have shapes that differ one from the other.

11. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the surface percentage of the indentations (3) is 5% to 50% of the total surface of the floor covering (1).

12. The floor covering according to Claim 11, wherein the surface percentage of the indentations (3) is 20% to 40% of the total surface of the floor covering (1).

13. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the indentations (3) have the same depth (T) over their entire length (L).

14. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the remaining surface (2) of the floor covering (1) is essentially planar.

15. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the width (B) of the individual indentations (3) varies.

16. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the length (L) of the individual indentations (3) varies.

17. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the lateral border edges (4) of the indentations (3) at at least one location widens, to the outside, or narrows, to the inside.

18. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the floor covering (1) is assembled from individual, repeating surface units.

19. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the floor covering (1) is made up of a single-layer material.

20. The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the floor covering (1) has a thickness (S) of 2 mm to 5 mm.

21. The floor covering according to Claim 20, wherein the floor covering (1) has a thickness (S) of 2.5 mm to 4 mm.

09921660-09921660